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1. IN COURSE OF MY MEETING WITH MFA PERMANENT UNDER
SECRETARY JORGENSEN ON APRIL 3, HE CONFIRMED THE AGENDA
FOR THE APRIL 7-8 EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING AS REPORTED
PARA 1 REFTEL. JORGENSEN SAID THAT IT WAS NOT YET
CERTAIN HOW TIMES DISCUSSED UNDER POLITICAL
COOPERATION SUCH AS THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH AFRICA
WOULD BE HANDLED. THERE IS A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE
HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WILL ISSUE A JOINT STATEMENT ON
THESE ISSUES OR WILL MERELY REFER TO THEM AS MATTERS
DISCUSSED AT THE "EC SUMMIT" MEETING. JORGENSEN BELIEVES
THAT THEY WILL CHOOSE THE LATTER COURSE.

2. THE MAIN EFFORT OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING
WILL BE A REVIEW OF THE WORLD AND COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
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AND SOCIAL SITUATIONS. TO A LARGE EXTENT THE
PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REVIEWING THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED
BY THE FINANCE MINISTERS AT THEIR MARCH 20 MEETING
(COPENHAGEN 1960). THESE CONCLUSIONS WILL FIRST BE
DISCUSSED AT THE APRIL 4 FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING
IN LUXEMBOURG. AMONG THE ISSUES EXAMINED BY THE
FINANCE MINISTERS WERE: (A) GROWTH, PRODUCTION AND

UNEMPLOYMENT, (B) INFLATION, (C) ENERGY, (D) THE BROAD PICTURE OF MULTILATERAL TRADE PROBLEMS AND (E) INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL FLOW PROBLEMS. THESE PROBLEMS WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED ON APRIL 7-8 PER SE, BUT WILL BE EXAMINED IN TERMS OF THEIR IMPACT ON ECONOMIC GROWTH AND INFLATION IN EUROPE. THIS EXAMINATION IS CONSIDERED TO BE PART OF THE PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT "EC SUMMIT" MEETING TO BE HELD IN EARLY JULY. AT THAT COUNCIL MEETING THE EC WILL PREPARE FOR THE SUMMIT MEETING OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WHICH WILL ALSO BE HELD IN BONN LATER IN JULY.

3. THE DANES THUS SEE THE COPENHAGEN EC SUMMIT MEETING AS A STEPPING STONE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IN BONN OF THE ISSUES MEETING OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WHICH WILL ALSO BE HELD IN BONN LATER IN JULY.

3. THE DANES THUS SEE THE COPENHAGEN EC SUMMIT MEETING AS A STEPPING STONE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IN BONN OF THE ISSUES MENTIONED ABOVE. IN THIS CONNECTION JORGENSEN SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THESE TOPIC AND THE APPROACH THE EC WAS TAKING WERE GENERALLY IN HARMONY WITH THE FIVE POINTS AMBASSADOR OWEN HAS BEEN DISCUSSING WITH CERTAIN EUROPEANS IN PREPARATION FOR THE SUMMIT MEETING OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES IN JULY.

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